Good Afternoon. Today I will be explaining to you why we are too influenced by the US, but before I begin my speech, I would like to define the topic and set the scope. I define we as meaning the people of our country, Australia and the US meaning the United States of America, a large country in North America. I set the scope as America and Australia, as those are the countries we will be discussing today.

I, as first speaker will be talking to you about the USA in our culture and how it influences our economy and politics and my second speaker will be talking to you about how everywhere we go there is America and what Australia needs.

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Now onto my teams case. Firstly, the USA is an extreme part of our culture. We do many American things in our everyday life, and doing all these things can distract us from our true culture. Our culture is Aboriginal dances and songs, going down to the beach and barbeques. Australians love getting out and about, going to the sea and having fun. It is part of our culture. But now, America has come along and mixed into our culture. We listen to American songs and dance American dances now, instead of listening to Australian songs and dancing Australian dances. America has influenced Australia so much that it is turning our culture American. We have to grab onto our culture and keep it, so it doesn’t completely fade away. We need to stop doing lots of American things and embrace our culture instead. Culture is what makes Australians Australians, and we can’t lose our culture. Right now we are far too influenced by Americans and their culture. People very rarely think about Aboriginal culture which is the origin culture of this land. We really need to stop doing so many American things so our culture can thrive again. If America keeps influencing us like it is now, our culture will completely fade. For example, if America keeps influencing us, all Australian things will be forgotten, and we will become exactly like America. We won’t be true Australians any more. America is influencing us and our culture far too much.

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Now onto my second point, how America influences us economically and politically. America influences us economically because if they have a financial crisis, it can affect the whole Earth, including us. America is a heavily populated and influential country on the Earth, and they view themselves above all other countries. They are the second largest overall economy in the whole world. They once were incredibly rich, but now their amount of money has dropped, and they are in debt. This can have influence on many different countries, as America trades with many countries, one of the being us. It could also start a world financial crisis, which of course endangers the whole world.

America also influences us in politics. Everyone knows lots about American politics, mainly because of Barack Obama becoming the first African-American President a few years ago, and also because the news talks lots about American politics, but because of how you can say bad things about your opposition and say they are bad people in America, some of that has been getting to Australia. According to the Australian newspaper, Julia Gillard has even said she thinks US influence is making Australian politics harsh. She says she gets senses of Americanisation in public debates and thinks people are using much harsher words in debates, which she thinks is unlike Australians. American politics are influencing us and making us much harsher than before.

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Thank you.